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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR LONDON CONFERENCE ON TANKER
SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION (TSPP): EFFECT OF RECENT
OIL SPILL ON BRAZILIAN POSITION

REF: BRASILIA 0571

1. DEPARTMENT AND COAST GUARD APPRECIATE RIO'S REPORTING
ON THE OIL SPILL AT SAO SEBASTIAO AS CONTAINED IN BRASILIA'S
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2. WHEN THE U.S. DELEGATION VISITED RIO LATE LAST YEAR,
PETROBRAS, WHO SEEMED TO BE QUOTE CALLING THE SHOTS UNQUOTE
ON GOB POSITION FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, TOOK RATHER
NEGATIVE VIEW OF U.S. PROPOSALS. WHILE PETROBRAS RECOG-
NIZED PROBLEMS THAT COULD ARISE FROM AN OIL SPILL ON RIO'S
LOVELY BEACHES, THEY DID NOT WANT TO SPEND THE NECESSARY

MONEY THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MAKE BRAZILIAN TANKERS MEET THE HIGHER STANDARDS U.S. DELEGATION WAS PROPOSING. THEREFORE, DID NOT SUPPORT U.S. HIGH COST PROPOSALS.

3. THE QUESTION NOW ARISES: WHAT IS THE REACTION OF GOB ON TSPP AFTER THE SAO SEBASTIAO SPILL?

4. DEPARTMENT REALIZES THAT INQUIRIES MAY TOUCH SENSITIVE NERVES, BUT THE U.S. DELEGATION NEEDS TO KNOW IF THE SPILL HAS CAUSED A RE-EVALUATION OF THE GOB POSITION ON TSPP, ESPECIALLY IF IT HAS CAUSED A SHIFT IN FAVOR OF HIGHER INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION.

5. EMBASSY BRASILIA AND AMCONSULS RIO AND SAO PAULO ARE REQUESTED TO INQUIRE, AS UNOFFENSIVELY AS POSSIBLE, AND REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT BY PRIORITY TELEGRAM CURRENT VIEWS AND PARTICULARLY ANY RECENT CHANGES OF VIEW OF GOB ON TSPP CONFERENCE.

6. PLEASE REPEAT ALL TELEGRAMS TO AMEMBASSY LONDON FOR SHIPPING ATTACHE SINCE SOME U.S. DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL BE CONSULTING IN LONDON FROM FEBRUARY 1.

7. SINCE PREPARATION OF THE ABOVE HAVE LEARNED THAT EPA/COAST GUARD TEAM IS NOW IN SAO PAULO IN CONNECTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH SAO SEBASTIAO SPILL, AND MAY BE APPROACHING GOB TO DISCUSS GOB INTEREST IN LORAN NAVIGATION SYSTEM. IF TEAM IS STILL THERE, SUGGEST INQUIRY TO GOB BE MADE THROUGH OR IN COORDINATION WITH TEAM. VANCE

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